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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2003, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, all the claims pending in the application, stand rejected.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended during a telephone interview conducted on March 31, 2003 during which the differences in application for the vibration damping structures in the disclosed and claimed invention (building structures) and the cited prior art (vehicles) were discussed as well as the law governing preambles. During the interview, the Examiner took the position that preamble limitations are not considered in determining patentability and that patentability would require adding additional environmental limitations to the body of the claim, that is, claiming a combination of a building structure and reinforcing holder. The following is Applicant's reply to

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